

NEW PROPOSITIONS

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At the Kings Royall Court at *Holmby*,
Betwixt the Kings most Excellent Majesty,
and Mr. *Marshall* and Mr. *Caryll*.

CONCERNING

The Presbyteriall Government, the Booke of
Common-Prayer, and the Directory.

ALSO,

His Majesties severall Reasons, concer-
ning *Episcopacy*, and Mr. *Marshall's* Reply for the cle-
ring his Majesties Objections.

Together with divers remarkable passa-
ges of the Commissioners of the Kingdome of *Scot-
land*, propounded to His Majesty for his Royall assent
to the Propositions, and signing the Covenant.

WITH

Another Message from His Majesty at
Holmby, to both Houses of Parliament.

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THe Parliament of Scotland have late
very close, about the disposall of His
Majesties Royall Person, and his fu-
ture Reigne and Government of himselfe
and his Royall Posterity, which indeed is a
thing of high concernment and very much
desired, by his Majesties Subjects within the
Kingdome of England: their hearts relen-
ting, untill the time of expitation, of the
great businesse now in dispence, betweene

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the Soveraigne and the Subject ; their eyes being fully fixed upon this State-Object, longing to see that happy day of the joyfull returne of their Gracious Soveraigne, to his Tribunall Throne at London.

For, the accomplishing of these their long-wished desires, His Majesties loyall Subjects, (the Parliaments of both Kingdowes) doe likewise endeavour to bring to a speedy period, and instant of time ; if so be, his gracious Majesty would be pleased, to hearken to the faithfull advice of His two great Counsels, by signing the Propositions , and taking the Covenant, that so the distractions of the Church of *England*, may be fully composed, and the purity of Religion firmly established , within His Majesties Realmes and Dominions.

And to this end, the Estates of *Scotland*, do freely and unanimously concurre with the Parliament of *England*, for the humble advising of his Majesty to condiscend to these their Propositions, *viz.*

I. *That his Majesty would be pleased (no longer to continue in this adverse way) but to unite himselfe with them, and to give his Royall assent for the signing of the Propositions ; that so, all differences may be composed within his Majesties*

festies Realmes of England and Scotland.

2. That his Majestie would be graciously pleased to unite his Royall heart with his Subjects of both Kingdomes, by taking that blessed Covenant, first drawn up, by the divine will vnd pleasure of the great Jehovah, in the highest Throne, and bere confirmed upon Earth, (by his omnipotent power) for the finishing of his great Worke; that so the purity and light of his Gospell, might spring and grow up, both in the hearts of Prince and People, and shine in all lustre, throughout the Realmes of England and Scotland.

3. That his Majesty would be pleased to embrace these their humble and loyall Desires, by signing the Propositions and taking the Covenant, His Subjects of Scotland do declare, that his gracious

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*Majesty and his Royall Posterity, shoule
not suffer in the least, &c.*

And for the further effecting of this gallant worke, no meanes and waies is unsought by the Commissioners of both Kingdomes for the regarding of it, but doth daily use their utmost endeavours for the attaining of the same, which God grant may be speedily brought to a period.

For, how would his Majesties Loyall Subjects rejoyce, to heare that triumphant sound, and melodious Eccho, of his Majesties concurrence with his great Councells, by setting his Royall hand to signe the Propositions, and bending his gracious heart to receive this faithfull Covenant.

A Message from his Majesty to both Houses of Parliament.

Carolus Rex.

Sine I have never dissembled, nor hid my Conscience: And that I am not yet satisfied with the alteration in Religion, to which ye desire my consent.

I will not loose time in giving reasons (which are too obvious to every body) why it is fit for me to be attended by some of my Chaplaines, whose opinions, as Clergy-men, I esteeme and reverence. Not only

only for the exercise of my Conscience, but also for the clearing of my judgement, concerning the present differences in Religion; as I have at full declared to Mr. *Marshall*, and his Fellow-Minister: having shewed them that is the best and likeliest means of giving me satisfaction (which without it I cannot have) in these things, whereby the distractions of the Church may be the better staved.

Wherefore I desire, that at least two of these reverend Divines, whose names I have here set downe, may have free liberty to wait upon mee, for the discharging of their nutes to mee, according to their Function.

*From Holmby this present Moneth
of February, 1646.*

For the Speaker of the House of Peers,
pro tempore, to bee communicated to }
the two Houses of Parliament at West- }
minster assembled. } *Charles Rex.*

The Bishop of *London*.

The Bishop of *Salisbury*.

The Bishop of *Peterboroug^b*.

Dr. *Shelden*, Cler of }
my Closet. } *D. Heywood.*

Dr. *May*, Deane of }
Torke. } *Dr. Beale.*

Dr. *Sanderson*. } *Dr. Fuller.*

Dr. *Bayley*. } *Dr. Hammond.*

Dr. Tayler.

The Kings Majesty is verb desirous to come neere
London,

London, but yet expresteth himselfe very gallantly at *Holmby*, and is very familiar with the *Commissiōn*ers of both Kingdome, and hath had severall *Conferences* with the English *Divines*, about Religion and the Government of the Church of England, having propounded severall Reasons unto them, why he will not give his Royall assent for the confirming of the *Presbyteriall* way, and settling of the *Directory* : Desiring likewise to have a *Conference* with twelve Learned *Divines* of the *Episcopall* Government, that so he may be cleared of some points, which as yet seemeth very strange unto him.

But as Mr. *Marshall* and M. *Caroll* doth use their utmost endeavours for the convincing of his Majesty, and to clear some scruples about the *Directory*, which his Majesty objects against : But within few dayes wee hope to heare of the happy tydings of his Majesties Royall assent, to the desire and humble supplication of his great *Councell* the *Parliaments* of both Kingdome.

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